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      CONNECTION BETWEEN THE FLUX GUIDE AND THE FREE LAYER  
      AND THAT INSULATES THE FLUX GUIDE FROM THE SHIELDS

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